

a mandated program, not proceeding with the funding with that without going through a decision not to proceed with it, that worries me a little bit, I guess. I am a little bit concerned about this. But the liability problem that we face with the auditor leads me to think that we need to do something as well. In other words I am confused, folks, and it certainly seems that we need to discuss this. I think the intent is good, but I worry a little bit about the unforeseen consequences perhaps of the legislation.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Lamb, please.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members, my questions and discussion will be along the same lines that we have heard. As I read the committee amendments, I don't know what it says, and I think a lot of other people don't know what it says. I don't know what the committee amendment says. It says "except that this section shall not apply unless the appropriations bill identifies the program, service, or law for which, pursuant to this section, appropriations are not being made." Now I guess I am probably not thinking about it in the right context, but to me it seems that this is an impossibility for the Appropriations Committee to catch everything that is not being funded, and list it all, and list it all. What if you make a mistake? It just looks to me like it is an impossibility for it to work. Of course, I know Senator Hefner will not like it, because his favorite bill will no longer be appropriate as time goes on, but I guess I would say to Senator Warner that it seems to me that this committee amendment should be reworded at least by the time we get around to Select File so that it is clear by just reading the statute. I get really tired with these lawyers that stick things in the statute and an ordinary person reads them and you can't really understand what they say, and I think this is a really good example of language that is not clear, and I hope it would be clarified before we get too far with this bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hannibal, please, Senator Hefner on deck.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. Speaker and members, this is one of those bills, matter of fact, this is my priority bill. I attached this because we needed to get it out here, but this is one of those bills that I can get a handle on. Sometimes we have a lot of discussion around here because it is an issue that is pretty easy, that we all have a lot of input on like license plates, and studded snow tires, and those kind of things. This one I